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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Atty. Docket No.: J-2850

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

**Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the following application:

**Application**

Application Serial No: 09/614,898  
Filed on: July 12, 2000  
Inventors: Woody et al.  
Title: Apparatus for and Method of Severing  
And Sealing Thermoplastic Film  
Art Unit: 3721  
Examiner: Gloria R. Weeks  
Attorney Docket No.: J-2850

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**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- ☐ a. Previously submitted
  - ☐ i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on [Insert Date of Amendment/Reply]  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ☐ ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ iii. Other
- ☒ b. Enclosed
  - ☒ i. Amendment C (15 pages)
  - ☐ ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - ☐ iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - ☐ iv. Other

**2. Miscellaneous**

- ☐ a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- ☒ b. *IF AN EXTENSION OF TIME IS REQUIRED IN THIS APPLICATION OR ANY PARENT APPLICATION, PLEASE CONSIDER THIS AS A REQUEST THEREFOR.*
- ☐ c. Other

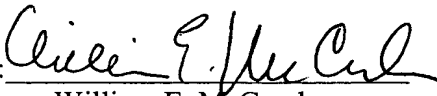
**3. Fees**

- ☒ a. Check in the amount of \$ [770.00/385.00] is enclosed.
- ☒ b. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1309.
  - ☒ i. Any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, except issue fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1903. (A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed).
  - ☐ ii. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)

- ☐ iii. Extension of time fee 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17(a)
- ☐ iv. Other

Respectfully submitted,

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